

Leicester, Jan. 8/62.

Dear Burleigh,

Being lately in Boston, I heard of several such pleasant things about our last Report, that I feel you should know them too. - One was that Rev. A. A. Miner (of the Universalist body, and a very gentlemanly man) spoke in the very highest terms both of its value & its interest, - of the evident care & conscientiousness with which it had been prepared, and the judicious treatment of the subject. Heywood told me of this, and the remarks of Mr. Miner were made to him. - Then James Buffum, being somewhere in ~~the~~ Maine, & having a

Copy of the Report with him,
showed it to a gentleman there,
who was so much pleased with
what he saw & read, that he
constrained James to leave his
Copy with him (bought it of him,
I believe,) & told him he
must get another. — Our
good friend, H. W. Blanchard
of Neponset, has sold several
copies of it in his village, ~~and~~
~~reports~~ — More than all, the
Christian Examiner for January,
among its Literary Notices, devotes
a page to a Notice of the Report,
and in a very honest and hearty
manner too. Pray take a little
pains to see a copy of that

Examiner; - I am sure you
will be gratified at the way in
which your work is noticed there,
- ~~never~~ ^{never} ~~before~~ before (that I remember)
has any work of ours received
in the Examiner, or in any similar work.
Such fair treatment. ^{the}

Abolitionists have not lived and
laboured wholly in vain. -

Oh - that our National Affairs
were in the hands of truly upright,
brave, & freedom-loving Men. But
it may be we have a Government
quite as good as the people deserve
or will bear. If so, & there is nothing
for Liberty to hope, at their hands,
more than she has yet received, - we
are in a very bad situation indeed;
and can ^{neither} hope, & expect, nor have anything
of real success; - and, for aught

I see, the very off-scouring of
the earth, sincere and consistent
in their villainy at least, may
"come and take away our place
and our nation". — In what
direction can you see light, now,
humanly speaking?

"We are going to try an
Annual Meeting again in Boston
"Never say die"; and we
shall never refrain from asserting
our rights, however short we may
come of getting them. The Anti-Slavery
Reform has already conquered a
large field, & taken many important
posts. Never despair, even in the
darkest hour.

Truly Yours,

J. May Jr.